**Prerequisites** — both husband and wife must be at least 2 years post full disclosure, have participated in individual counseling, and have a desire to work with God in creating a new marriage (eg. worked through "crisis & trauma" and successfully addressed individual "brokenness"). Having completed the equivalent of the Walking Free and Journey programs is preferred. Each couple will be asked to participate in an application process.

**Expectations** — A willingness to dig deep; understand that wounds will be touched; expect a slower pace, more contemplative than a typical tour; generous "couple only" time for reflection and growth; openness to the possibility of having your identity and faith challenged.

**Goal** — A marriage growing daily in unity, oneness, vulnerability, and honor. One like that described in Genesis 2:24-25; "a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ...both naked, and they felt no shame."



### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOSTS:

Let's face it, marriage is hard work. Marriage reconciliation in the wake of betrayal is even harder ...impossible in our own strength. We need the healing power of Jesus. A marriage broken by sexual betrayal must be rebuilt, not restored or renewed. God wants to make "all things new", including your marriage. He wants to take the shattered pieces of your old marriage, return them to dust, and create something beautiful. Recognizing and embracing this truth is one of the most difficult tasks for any couple pursuing reconciliation in the wake of sexual betrayal.

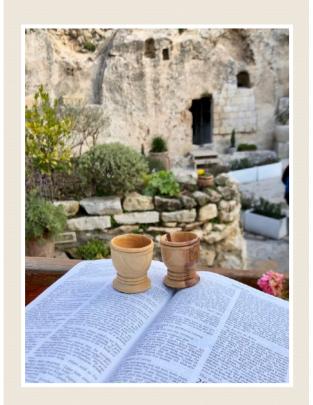
"Our old marriage had to die to selfishness, pride, and old coping patterns." These are the words we use whenever asked to describe the process God took us through in rebuilding our marriage. We even describe our current relationship as our "second marriage". The marriage we have now is different, completely different. It was rebuilt by our loving Heavenly Father.

Our best attempt at describing this rebuilding process is through a paraphrase of Genesis 2:7, one written for the new marriage that God can create from the dust of a marriage shattered by sexual betrayal: "Then the Lord God formed a relationship from the dust of the old marriage and breathed into it the breath of life, and the relationship became a living marriage, full of beauty and grace." It is our hope that this trip will provide a solid foundation from which God can begin (or continue) breathing new life into His new creation ...your "rebuilt" marriage.

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# BEAUTY FROM DUST



Marriage Rebuilding Holy Land Experience February 11-20, 2022





Inspirational testimony and teachings with Troy & Melissa Haas and Steve & Cyndi Rahm

Join us and other recovering couples on a sacred journey in which God is encountered through places, teachings, and situations. Gain insights and discern new truths about yourself, your spouse, and your marriage. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we visit Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, and many other sites where Jesus taught, healed, restored, and even resurrected the dead.

It is our hope that the couple who returns will not be the same couple as the one who set out.

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A ministry focused on helping recovering Christian couples transition from lingering in survival mode following sexual betrayal to thriving in a marriage that reflects unity, oneness, vulnerability, and honor.



### **Daily Itinerary**

Feb 11 - Depart from Atlanta, GA

Feb 12 - Arrive Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus

Feb 13 - Mount of Olives, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Herodium, Bethlehem

Feb 14 - Bethesda Pools, Judgment Hall, Via Dolorasa, Holy Sepulcher, Palace of Caiaphus, Garden Tomb

Feb 15 - Mt. Moriah, Western Wall, Southern Steps, City of David, Gihon Spring, Pool of Siloam

Feb 16 - Jordan Valley, Judean Wilderness, Jordan River, Mt. Geriziem, Sychar

Feb 17 - Galilee, Tabgha, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Chorazim, Sea of Galilee

Feb 18 - Nazareth Living Museum, Mt. Precipice, Cana

Feb 19 - Caesarea Maritima, Joppa

Feb 20 - Depart from Tel Aviv, Arrive Atlanta, GA



Triumphal entry into old

Jerusalem



Judgment Hall where Jesus was tried by Pilate





The Judean wilderness where Jesus was tempted

Sail on the Sea of Galilee





Nazareth Living Museum, Celebration dinner in Joppa village life in Gospel days Old City